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Camp Mott Richmond Va
Sunday Nov 2nd 1862

My Dear Mother

As Mr Drake leaves for Miss
tomorrow I avail myself of the opportunity to write you a short letter

I received your letter dated October the 28th
a short time since, I was very glad to
hear you were still in safe and undisturbed
possession of home, and hope in this that
affairs have resumed their natural course
in the neighborhood of Pontore

I have felt some anxiety since our defeat
at Corinth, for fear the enemy would advance
down the country along the line
of the Mobile & Ohio R. Road, but it seems
from this remaining quietly there since the
battle that they are afraid to advance, I
hope it may be so, and that they will remain
there until a portion of Gen Bragg's
can assail them in their rear and
Gen Pemberton in front, what a glorious
victory it would be if we could get
them between two fires, & exterminate them

Do not think that I have become weary of
writing to you, on the contrary it is one of my
pleasures to write to you, as seldom and as little
as I do write, and your letters to us are not
uninteresting as you imagine, but are eagerly
looked for and welcomed by all of us
As I have but little ^{time} in my department as
Ordnance Sergeant of the Regt in a stationary
camp like this, I ^{have} often spare moments, which
I can pleasantly employ in writing to you
You enquire after my cough, I have not
after considerable search been able to find it
I am perfectly well at present,
We have been having beautiful weather here for
the last week, but this evening it looks like
rain, the grove in which we are encamped
looks very pretty just now, the frost having
caused all the ^{leaves to} assume various beautiful colors
the combination of the bright yellow of the
hickories with the dark green leaves of the oak
and the brownish red of the dogwood is
beautiful, Autumn has always been one
of my favorite seasons, first because it
is the beginning of the hunting season
supper and the days are cool quiet & pleasant

We have but little cold weather here as yet, just
enough to make it pleasant,
Now speak of night caps for us, the Colonel has
been using one of mine, I have two, do pray
don't bring me any more as I have more than
I want already, Mr Drake Andrew Mooser
and John Carr spent the day with us today
this is the ^{first} time I have met ^{my} Clark
to know him since we have been about the
city, I have intended calling on Nathaniel Watson
but failing to do so long, I will do so on the first
opportunity,
The Colonel has been trying to get George a
furlough so he ^{may} accompany Mr D to Pontore
He wishes him to go home to attend to his affairs
there and expects you to return with him.
in talking with him tonight he said that he
wanted you to come on before the middle
of winter, but that it would be very injudicious
for you to leave home just now at the crisis
of affairs, when the concern is liable to be taken
by draft at any moment, and home and
the property be left without any one to
overlook them, provided George goes and
remains a month and a half, by that time
the money will have advanced and you will

all have run away, or there will be no danger
of their coming and you can leave home
with an easy mind as to the future
but provided George does not get off as soon
as the disturbance has quieted down, I see
no objection to your coming, but I had
hoped that we ^{might} get a furlough and
accompany you back,
This regiment with one Georgia and two
North Carolina stationed near the city, now
form a Brigade under the command of
Brig. General Joseph B Davis, this may cause
us to change our camp, but I see no reason
to cause me to think that we will leave the
vicinity of Richmond, do not pity us for
having to live in tents, for several months
before we were transferred, we enjoyed the
luxury of a blanket stretched over a pole, a
soldier who has a tent is doing very well
our army in the valley has but few if any
hoping to send this by George
I remain

Monday Evening

Yours Affec Son
Edwin

P.S. the Colonel has failed so far
to get a furlough for George, but
I still hope he may get it in a
few days, all well, our army has fallen back to Culpeper
Yours Affec Son E.D.M.